

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Employment & Training Department – Misappropriation of Government funds during the year 1997-98 - Allegations against Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Assistant (Retd.) District Level Training Center/ Industrial Training Institute, Guntur —Enquiry conducted —Charges proved - Concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission — Imposing the punishment of 10% cut in pension for 5 years besides recovery of Rs. 57,737/- – Orders – Issued.

LABOUR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING & FACTORIES (VIG) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 104

Dated: 07. 11.2009

Read the following:

- Ref:- I. From the Director of Employment & Training, Hyderabad, letter No.M2/674/98, dt.17.5.2000.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1429 L.E.T.& F (Emp.) Deptt., dt.28.7.2000.
 3. From Sri V.Radhakrishna Murthy, Enquiry Officer Report, dated:27.10.2000.
 4. G.O.Rt.No. 3218 LET & F (Emp.) Deptt. dt.13.12.2001.
 5. Reply from Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Asst. (Retd), dt.6.3.2002.
 6. G.O.Rt.No. 2162 LET & F (Emp.) Dept dt: 1.10.2002.
 7. From the Inquiry Officer Report, dt: 23.10.2003.
 8. Govt. Memo.No. 615/Vig/2000-19, dt: 21.8.2006.
 9. Representation of Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Asst. (Retd), dt: 18.9.2006.
 10. Govt.Memo.No. 615/Vig/2000-24, Dated 10.07.2007.
 11. Representation from P.D.Sarma, Senior Asst. (Retd.) Dated 20.08.2007.
 12. Govt.Memo.No.615/Vig./2000-27, dated:4.7.2009.
 13. Reply from Sri P.D.Sarma, Senior Asst. (Retd.) ,dt.28.7.2009.
 14. Govt. Lr.No. 615/Vig/2000-29, dated 18.08.2009.
 15. From the APPSC, Lr. No. 1105/RT-I/3/2009, Dated 19.10.2009.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above it has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain allegations of misappropriation and misuse of Government funds in purchase of stores material and equipment to District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur was occurred wherein an expenditure of Rs. 2,41,938/ under 240 Material and Supplies head of account was incurred and out of this expenditure an amount of Rs.1,03,668/- was arrived as paid excess to the traders over and above the market value. Therefore, the Commissioner of Employment and Training has requested to sanction permission for institution of the disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd), District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur as he retired from service. Accordingly in the reference 2nd read above, Sri V.Radhakrishna Murthy, the then Principal, Industrial Training Institute, Vijayawada was appointed an Enquiry Officer to conduct enquiry in the matter.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his report concluding that both Sri V.Venkateswarlu, formerly Assistant Director and Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Store Keeper connived with the non-local firms in as much as having called for quotations only from the three firms which are based in

Hyderabad ignoring the local firms and caused a loss of Rs.1,03,664/- to Government by purchasing the material at inflated rates.

3. In the reference 4th read above, articles of charges were served on Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Assistant with a request to submit his written statement of defence. In the reference 5th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation and requested to excuse him for the charges leveled against him. In the reference 6th read above, Sri Iftekar Mohd.Khan, Joint Director (Trg) was appointed under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services Rules, 1991 as Inquiring Authority to conduct regular enquiry into the charges against the Charged Officer.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his report substantiating the (6) out of (8) charges i.e., 2,3,4,5,6,7 charges against the Charged Officer.

5. The following are the charges against Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Asst (Store-keeper) District Level Training Center /Industrial Training Institute, Guntur :-.

Charge No.1- Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Assistant (Store-keeper), D.L.T.C./I.T.I., Guntur hand in glove with Sri P.Durgaiah, Saleem Bin Yousuf, formerly Asst. Director (Trg), DLTC/ITI, Guntur and connived with suppliers purchased material worth Rs.49,790/- from World Bank funds i.e., V.C.S.S.Budget of Rs.50,000/- released to the Institute during 1997-98 and made excess payment of Rs.9,368/- by purchasing Stores material at exorbitant rates. The actual market rates of the Stores purchased was Rs.40,422/-. He caused loss to the Government to the tune of Rs.9,368/-.

Charge No.2:- Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Assistant (Store-keeper), D.L.T.C/I.T.I., Guntur hand in glove with Sri B.Venkateswarlu, Asst. Director (Trg), D.L.,T.C./ I.T.I., Guntur and connived with suppliers purchased Stores Material worth Rs.2,49,938/- at inflated rates from the budget allotted under World Bank Scheme of Rs.2.5 lakhs allotted under 240-Materials & Supplies whose market cost was Rs.1,46,270.10 and made excess payment of Rs.1,03,664/- by purchasing Stores Material at exorbitant rates during 1997-98. He caused loss to Government to the tune of Rs.1,03,644/-.

Charge No.3:- Sri P. Dikshita Sarma hand in glove with Sri Venkateswarlu, Asst. Director (Trg.), DLTC/ITI, Guntur made purchases of Stores material worth Rs.2,49,787/- at inflated rates connived with supplier from the Non-World Bank budget of Rs.2.5 lakhs allotted under 190-191 from only 2 firms i.e., Sri Venkeshwara Traders, Hyderabad and Sri Sai Teja Enterprises, Secunderabad (not having APGST No.) ignoring the local market of Guntur. He should have called quotations from more number of firms. Later when grave irregularities came to his notice, he prepared Demand Draft of the said amount after passing the Bill by the D.T.O., Guntur as the material was not received the suppliers.

Charge No.4:- Certain items not called for in the quotations were quoted by the suppliers and the same were accepted by him and hand in glove with Sri V.Venkateshwarlyu. For example he called for Draughtsman (Civil) trade for 9 items where as the firm quoted for 11 items. The extra two items are (1) Drawing Tables (2) Drawing Stools. Thus he purchased the materials though not needed without following procedure and in hand glove with Sri V.Venkagteshwarlu, Asst. Director (Trg.), DLTC/ITI.

Charge No.5:- M/s Sai Teja Enterprises, Secunderabad offered lowest rate of Rs.858/- in their quotation for supply "Top Gear Shaft". But in the comparative statement, the rate was placed as Rs.888/- due to which the Supply Order was placed with Sri Venkaateshwara Traders, Hyderabad instead of Sri Sai Teja Enterprises, Secunderabad in hand glove with Sri V.Venkateshwarlu have resulted loss of Rs.30/- to the Government towards the purchase of each Top Gear Shaft.

Charge No.6:- He is hand glove with the Sri V.Venkateshwarlu, diversified budget allotted from one head of Account to other head of account towards purchase of Stores material. The expenditure meant for under 191 Purchases was met from a different head of account i.e., 240-Materials and Supplies and Vice-versa. This has resulted in dislocation of maintenance of accounts in Head of Account.

Charge No.7:- No purchase orders dispatched through the Office. The Bills received from the Firms have been entered in the D.P.R. only and most of the bills not entered in Stock Register. The Bills without making entries register and without receipt of material, without affixing the stock entry certificate of the bills, the bills were claimed and amounts drawn from the Treasury. He isolated all the norms in procuring stores material without following prescribed procedure.

Charge No.8:- He is hand in glove with Sri V.Venkateshwarlu, splitted the Purchasing Orders with purchasing power of Rs.1,000/- delegated to the Principal in D.E.& T Memo No.2966/E1/67, dated 16.8.1967.

6. In the reference 8th read above, a copy of the enquiry report was served on Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Assistant (Retd.), District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur for his representation.

7. In the reference 9th read above, Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Assistant (Retd.), District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur has submitted his representation denying the charges.

8. In the reference 10th read above, a show cause notice was served on him as to why the penalty of 10% cut in pension for 5 years besides recovery of Rs.50,737/- with 10% interest should not be imposed on him. In the reference 11th read above, he has submitted his written representation. Government have examined his representation and decided to revise the quantum of punishment to a cut of 10% in pension for 5 years besides recovery of Rs. 57,737/-

9. Accordingly, in the reference 12th read above, a revised show cause notice was issued to Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Asst., District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur as to why a cut of 10% in pension for 5 years should not be imposed on him besides recovery of Rs.57,737/-, under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980. In the reference 13th read above, the Charged Officer has requested to re-review the punishments duly reducing the punishment to the minimum level against him.

10. In the reference 14th read above, the Secretary Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission was requested to communicate the concurrence of the Commission for imposing the punishment on the Charged Officer. In the reference 15th read above the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have communicated their concurrence for imposing the above punishment.

11. Government after careful examination of reply of Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Asst., District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur to the show cause notice, as no new grounds have been put forth by the Charged Officer for consideration and considering the findings of the inquiry report, the representation of the Charged Officer on the inquiry report and his reply to the show cause notice and all the relevant material made available and after obtaining the concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, have decided to impose the punishment of 10% cut in pension for 5 years and besides recovery of Rs. 57,737/- under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri P.Dikshita Sharma, Senior Assistant (Retd.), District Level Training Center/ Industrial Training Institute, Guntur.

12. Accordingly, Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 hereby impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for 5 years and besides recovery of Rs. 57,737/- on Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Assistant (Retd.), District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur with immediate effect.

13. The Director of Employment and Training shall take necessary action in the matter and send the compliance report to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

BHANWAR LAL,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Dikshita Sarma, Senior Asst., (Retd.) District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur through
The Director of Employment and Training, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Director of Employment and Training, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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//Forwarded ::By order//

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